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24. RANGE EXTENSION FOR *STROMBUS PLICATUS SIBBALDI* (SOWERBY) (MOLLUSCA : MESOGASTROPODA : STROMBIDAE)

The Phylum Mollusca is well represented along the Indian coast. Most of the available literature is old and based on collections made in the late 18th or early 19th century. It is, therefore, desirable to update the information on the status and distribution of Indian molluscs.

As a result of a survey along the Gulf of Kutch in 1993, I came across a shell which was identified as *Strombus plicatus sibbaldi* (Sowerby). More specimens were collected during subsequent surveys along this Gulf. The literature gives its distribution as the eastern coast of India, there being no record of its presence along the west coast.

Locality: Okha and Mithapur along the Gulf of Kutch.

Diagnosis: Size: 35-40 mm. Among the smaller species; spires very tall and slender on large body whorl. Each spire bears two strong vertical ribs with many fine riblets. Both lips strongly serrated on inner margin. Colour: White with brown mottling. Aperture white with light brown transverse striae.

Distribution: The species was previously reported from the Bay of Bengal and northern Indian Ocean.

Status: Rare.

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25. NEW RECORD OF *ASTENOCYPRIS POPYRACEA* (SARS 1903), (CRUSTACEA, OSTRACODA) FROM WEST BENGAL, INDIA

(With eleven text-figures)

While studying zooplankton in the freshwaters of West Bengal, *Astenocypris popyracea* (Sars 1903) was found in one of the collections and is described and illustrated in this note. *Astenocypris popyracea* (Sars 1903) was first described from Sumatra and many other authors worked on this species, which belongs

to Class Ostracoda, Subclass Podocopa and Order Podocopida. Muller (1912) changed the genus name *Leptocypris* to *Astenocypris* under the Subfamily Herpetocypridinae. Hartman and Puri (1974) referred the genus to Subfamily Dolerocypridinae. Victor and Fernando (1981) suggested that the genus *Astenocypris* does not